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PRESS RELEASE

USAID and World Learning Commemorate the First Interfaith Youth Summer Camp in Albania

Tirana—Fostering Religious Harmony in Albania, with the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and World Learning, held a closing ceremony to mark the first Interfaith Youth Summer Camp in Albania. USAID Mission Director, Mr. Harry Birnholz, participated in the ceremony.

The Interfaith Summer Camp, organized in two one-week sessions from July 10 through July 23, brought together members of various religious faiths from seven regions of Albania. The 130 participants between the ages of 18-25, representing youth from each of Albania's major religions, Sunni Islam, Bektashi Islam, Orthodoxy, and Christianity, took part in discussions and workshop activities to discuss various topics including conflict resolution, leadership, human rights, teamwork, cooperation, and Albania's religious history. The Fostering Religious Harmony project also supported three Albanian men and women from different faiths to participate in the annual Summer School on Religion and Public Life held in Jerusalem.

The Fostering Religious Harmony in Albania project aims to sustain religious harmony and continue to foster better understanding within and among the religious communities in order to build on the existing culture of religious harmony in Albania and strengthen inter-faith dialogue and cooperation.

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